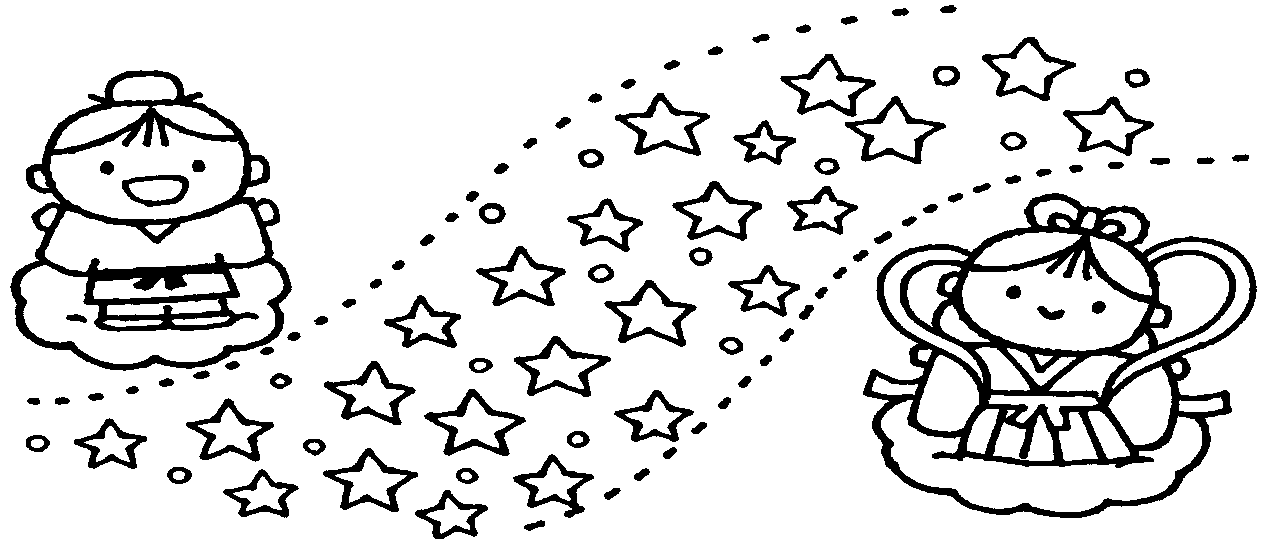
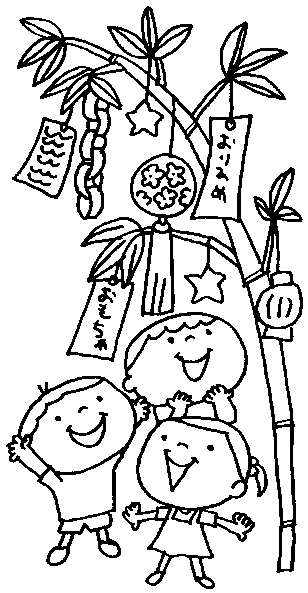
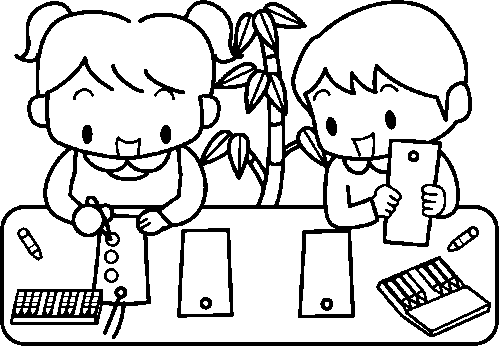
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**たなばた**

Tanabata is the Star Festival. According to legend, two stars met and fell in love but were separated by the Milky Way. They were able to meet only once a year on the seventh day of the seventh month (July 7 ,七月七日)　People write poems and wishes on long pieces of paper (called tanzaku) and then tie them to bamboo branches in their back yards or at the entrance to their homes. They pray that their wishes may come true.

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